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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

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Group Art Unit: 1639

Serial No.: 09/729,520)

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

Filed: December 4, 2000)

For: Method for Generating a Library of)
Mutant Oligonucleotides Using the)
Linear Cyclic Amplification Reaction)RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 21, 2003Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2, while the Remarks begin on page 4. For the Examiner's convenience, a clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).